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charter; moreover, the pier being in an open and exposed position, the vessel must be ready at a moment's notice to cast off.

Dr. Juan J. de Jongh is the resident physician at the mines for the company, and his appointment as sanitary inspector, Marine-Hospital Service, has been recommended. The doctor has been furnished with the necessary blanks, and instructed as to his duties and responsibilities. Any vessel needing disinfection will be sent to Santiago de Cuba for treatment. Dr. Jongh will report weekly to this office, and matters of importance and interest will be forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully, yours,

M. J. ROSENAU,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Case of yellow fever at Matanzas.

MATANZAS, CUBA, *March 16, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that Chief Surgeon Wilcox, United States Volunteers, reports a case of yellow fever in the Second Cavalry. The patient is under treatment at the military hospital.

Very respectfully,

G. M. GUITERAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Sanitary reports from Santiago.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *March 12, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the public health of Santiago de Cuba continues to be good. During the week ended March 11 there was a total of 22 deaths in the civil population. The principal causes of death were: Malarial fever, 5; enterocolitis, 5; tuberculosis, 4; pneumonia, 2.

A case of smallpox was discovered in a little girl, native, in the lower part of the town. Proper precautions were at once taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

The average temperature for the month of February was 76° F., maximum, 87°; minimum, 62°. The humidity averaged 75.6°, and 0.9 inches of rain fell.

The dryness and lack of extreme heat are particularly favorable to the health of the city.

During the same week 28 vessels were inspected; of these, 20 were inspected upon arrival and 8 prior to departure.

The American schooner *L. F. Whitmore*, Captain Burach, sailed March 9 for Pascagoula, Miss., without a bill of health and without inspection. No reason for this action, excepting negligence or ignorance of the law, can be discovered.

Respectfully, yours,

M. J. ROSENAU,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *March 18, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the public health of Santiago continues about the same. During the week ended March 18 there was a total of 31 deaths in the civil population. The principal causes